## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

| Richard P., by and for <b>R.P.</b> , and Denise L., | )                              |
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| by and for <b>K.L.</b> ,                            | )                              |
| Plaintiffs  | )                              |
| v.  | )<br>)                         |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY                         | ) Civil Action No. 03-390 Erie |
| OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA; JANET                        | )                              |
| <b>WOODS</b> , Individually and in her Capacity     | )                              |
| as Principal of Strong Vincent High                 | )                              |
| School; and LINDA L. CAPPABIANCA,                   | )                              |
| Individually and in her Capacity as                 | )                              |
| Assistant Principal of Strong Vincent High          | )                              |
| School,   | )                              |
| Defendants  | ) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED          |

## **DEFENDANTS' MOTION IN LIMINE**

Defendants The School District of the City of Erie, Pennsylvania and Linda L. Cappabianca respectfully submit the following Defendants' Motion in Limine.

- 1. The jury trial of this action commences on January 23, 2006 in this Court. In contemplation of that trial defendants hereby bring to the attention of the Court various issues that defendants belief should be resolved by the Court prior to the commencement of trial.
  - 2. Defendants respectfully submit as follows:
    - A. Plaintiffs, their counsel and their witnesses, including their expert witness,

      Dr. Schachner, should be precluded from asserting at the trial of this action
      that any employee of defendant School District had a specific duty to report
      any sexual activity between plaintiffs and other students to any public
      agency, since no such duty existed.

- B. Plaintiffs, their counsel, and their witnesses, including their expert witness,

  Dr. Schachner, should be precluded from stating, arguing and testifying at the
  trial of this action in regard to alleged acts of sexual harassment that occurred
  prior to the sexual assaults of December 19, 2001, since evidence of those
  alleged acts of sexual harassment is not relevant to any fact of consequence
  to the resolution of the issues that are the subject of the trial of this action.
- C. Plaintiffs, their counsel and their witnesses, including their expert witness,

  Dr. Schachner, should be precluded from asserting at the trial of this action
  that the placement of plaintiffs at Sarah Reed Children's Center in January

  2002 was improper because the Court dismissed such claim as asserted under

  Title IX and plaintiffs withdrew their motion to amend their complaint to

  assert such claim under IDEA and the Rehabilitation Act.

WHEREFORE, defendants The School District of the City of Erie, Pennsylvania and Linda L. Cappabianca respectfully request that the Court issue an order precluding plaintiffs Richard P., by and for R.P., and Denise L., by and for K.L., their counsel and their witnesses from asserting, stating, arguing and testifying at the trial of this action as set forth above.

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| Denise L., by and for <b>KRISTINA L.</b> ,  | )<br>)                                     |
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| Plaintiffs  | )<br>)                                     |
| v.  | )<br>)<br>)                                |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA; JANET WOODS, Individually and in her Capacity as Principal of Strong Vincent High School; and LINDA L. CAPPABIANCA, Individually and in her Capacity as Assistant Principal of Strong Vincent High School, | Civil Action No. 03-390 Erie ) ) ) ) ) ) ) |
| Defendants  | ) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED                      |

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 13th day of January, 2006, a copy of the within document was served on all counsel of record and unrepresented parties in accordance with the applicable rules of court.

> /s/ James T. Marnen James T. Marnen

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